Unit 1 Vocabulary

*Instructions for each term: a) Re-write the definition in your own words. b) Provide a written example or draw a picture demonstrating the term.*

1. Government: Institution through which the state maintains social order, provides public services, and enforces decisions that are binding on all people living in the state

2. Politics: Effort to control or influence the conduct and policies of government

3. Public Policy: Action the government chooses to take or not take

4. Autocracy: Government ruled by 1 individual

5. Oligarchy: Government ruled by small powerful group

6. Democracy: Government ruled by the people

7. Republic: Indirect democracy in which people elect representatives with the power to make public policy decisions

8. Unitary Government: System of government in which most power is held by the central government

9. Confederation: System of government in which most power is held by the state governments

10. Constitution: Plan that provides rules for the government

11. Federalism: System of government in which power is shared by the central and state governments

12. Popular Sovereignty: Government by consent of the governed

13. Checks and Balances: Competition and mutual restraint among the branches of government

14. Limited Government: Type of government whose functions and powers are prescribed, limited, and restricted by law

15. Judicial Review: Power of a court to determine the constitutionality of laws of a government or acts of a government official